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Council Meeting

April 18, 2006

7:00 p.m.-Pitts Center

MINUTES

The Southern Shores Town Council met on April 18 2006, at the Pitts Center for a special meeting to discuss personnel issues and other matters.

The following Council Members were present: Mayor Don Smith, Council Members Jodi Hess, Dan Shields, David Sanders, and Brian McDonald.

Also present were: Carrie Gordin, Acting Town manager and Ike McRee, Town attorney.

OPENING

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for Council Member Brian McDonald's family in the passing of his father and for the troops overseas protecting us.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Shields moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Sanders seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Hess, Shields, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.

Mayor Smith stated that this is a special meeting not a workshop and that Council would be in closed session for a portion of the meeting.

Mr. McRee stated that he is preparing a resolution, due to the transition period, to properly correct administrative measures for authorization of signing Town checks for Council's consideration to be submitted at the April 25 Council meeting. He stated there is a current executed resolution from the Town's banking facility designating required signatures.

Mayor Smith asked Council to consider, for future discussion, investigating the hiring of grant writer when needed.

Mr. McRee explained that the next two items on the agenda would be held in closed session but any actions taken by Council from discussion in closed session would be made in open session.

Mayor pro tem Shields moved to go into closed session in accordance to NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters. Council Member Sanders seconded.

The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Hess, Shields, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.

Mayor pro tem moved to go out of closed session into open session. Council Member McDonald seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Hess, Shields, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.

Council Member Sanders moved to give an additional compensation in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) to Bonnie Swain, tax collector and finance technician until an interim town manager is hired. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Hess, Shields, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.

OTHER ITEMS

Council

Council Member Hess recommended that Council provide Mrs. Swain with specific directions in drafting the FY2006-07 budget. Council requested that Mrs. Swain provide them with all current financial commitments as well as those that were proposed, including Red Bay Lane improvements.

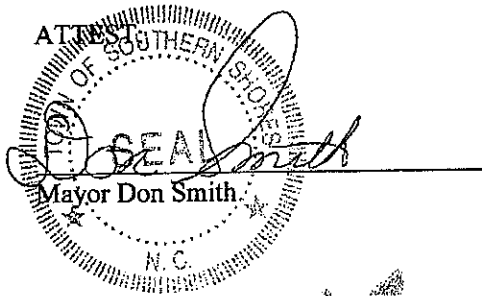
Mayor pro tem Shields addressed Council with several items:

- The letter received from the Dare County Tourism Board stating that the request to change the Mid-Dogwood Trail Multi-Use Path to the East Dogwood Dunes Multi-Use Path project was denied. He asked that the Mid-Dogwood Trail MUP grant application be reviewed and said that the project location should read on South Dogwood Trail at the Duck Woods Country Club to Fairway Drive, not to Tall Pine Lane. He stated that the Town does want to continue with this project but it does not want the path to go over the Tall Pine Bridge. Hearing no objection, Mayor Smith directed the Acting Town manager to contact the Tourism Board regarding this change in the process and report back to Council.
- Inquired about the status of the political sign amendment that the Town attorney is working on with the Planning Board. Mr. McRee stated that the Planning Board will provide an update at the April 25 Council meeting.
- Inquired about the status of the Duck Woods Pond easement. It is unknown at this time if Mr. Classen contacted Mickey Hayes to move ahead on this issue. Hearing no objection, Mayor Smith directed Mr. McRee to draft a deed of easement for Council's approval.
- Inquired about Mr. Teitjen's offer to donate his property to the Town. Mr. McRee stated that a letter was sent stating that the Town would be willing to accept the offer as long as there were no conditions attached. He stated that he is waiting an answer from Mr. Teitjen's attorney. Mr. McRee stated that there is a lawsuit pending between Mr. Teitjen and Frank Stone over the property boundary line but that the Town would not need to be involved.
- Requested that Council consider hiring a Stormwater Management group in the amount of \$20,000 to compile and report the Town's stormwater findings. He recommends having Mrs. Swain review the current budget for the funds and move ahead if funding is available.
- Requested that Gary Ferguson be contacted regarding the status on updating the Town's zoning/subdivision ordinance and to see what available funds are in the budget for this project.

Mayor

Mayor Smith reported that he met with Joe Boldiga, Duck Woods Country Club manager, to discuss the canal dredging spoil sites. Council requested that George Wood of EPI be contacted to ask him to attend the May 3 Council meeting for an update on the canal dredging project. Hearing no objection, Mayor Smith directed the Acting Town manager to contact Mr. Wood to be placed on the May 3 agenda.

Hearing no other business, Mayor pro tem Shields moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Council Member Sanders seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Hess, Shields, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.



Respectfully submitted:


Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk